

Quotations from the Leaders of Congress

"The war of the United States with Spain was very brief. Its results were many, startling, and of world-wide meaning."

Senator Henry Cabot Lodge

"This treaty will make us a vulgar, commonplace empire, controlling subject races and vassal states, in which one class must forever rule and other classes must forever obey."

Senator George F. Hoar

"Providence has given the United States the duty of extending Christian civilization. We must come as ministering angels, not despots."

Senator Knute Nelson

"If the U.S. were to reject the treaty, suppose we reject the Treaty. We continue the state of war. We repudiate the President. We are branded as a people incapable of taking rank as one of the greatest of world powers!"

Senator Henry Cabot Lodge

"If it is commercialism to want the possession of a strategic point giving the American people an opportunity to maintain a foothold in the markets of that great Eastern country (China), for God's sake let us have commercialism."

Senator Mark Hanna

"The Republican Conventions are all declaring that where the flag goes up it must never come down."

Senator Henry Cabot Lodge

". . . These murderous, treacherous, bull-fighting hyenas should be made to get off the Western Hemisphere."

Representative John A. McDowell

". . . Bananas and self-government could not grow on the same section of land."

Senator Richard F. Pettigrew

"The Monroe Doctrine is gone!"

Senator George F. Hoar

". . . Only those should have self-government who are capable of self-government. The ocean does not separate us from the lands of our duty and desire—the ocean joins us, a river never to be dredged, a canal never to be repaired."

Senator Albert Beveridge